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DRAFT MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Special Estimate on Albania

REFERENCE: Memorandum of General Weckerling, Chief, Paramilitary Operations Staff, to Chairman, Board of National Estimates, dated 13 November 1952.

1. By reference memorandum, General Weckerling requested a special estimate centering primarily on the reaction of certain interested powers (USSR, Yugoslavia, and Greece) to the overthrow of the present Albanian regime by a coup bringing to power a pro-Western regime.

2. While NIE-42 and 42/1 are pertinent to some aspects of the problem, these estimates do not meet General Weckerling's requirements.

3. If serious consideration is indeed being given to policy proposals for US action designed to establish a pro-Western regime in Albania, the Board concurs that a national intelligence estimate is called for.

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